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Dear Sir/Madam

## **DECISION**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

### **Full Planning Permission Granted**

Address:

**National Hospital For Neurology And Neurosurgery**  
**Queen Square**  
**London**  
**WC1N 3BG**

Proposal: Alterations to external basement elevations, ground floor and second floor level associated with wider electrical infrastructure upgrade; including installation of substation and external condenser units.

Drawing Nos: Planning Statement dated 28th November 2023; Environmental Noise Survey and Plant Noise Assessment Report dated 19th December 2023; Heritage Appraisal dated November 2023; Stage 0 & 1 Feasibility of Generator & Substation Report dated 23rd November 2023; Design and Access Statement dated 22nd November 2023; Statement of Clinical Need dated 26th October 2023; 5829-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-PL-A-002-S3-P01 Rev P01; 5829-MAA-ZZ-ZZ-PL-A-003-S3-P01 Rev 01; 5829-MAA-ZZ-FC-PL-A-010-S3-P01 Rev P01; 5829-MAA-ZZ-00-PL-A-081-S3-P01 Rev P01; 5829-MAA-ZZ-02-PL-A-101-S3-P01 Rev P01; 5829-MAA-SS-B1-PL-A-041-S3-P01 Rev P01; 5829-MAA-SS-SC-PL-A-061-S3-P01 Rev P01; 5829-MAA-AW-B1-PL-A-042-S3-P02 Rev P02; 5829-MAA-AW-SC-PL-A-062-S3-P01 Rev P02; 5829-MAA-CW-B1-PL-A-043-S3-P01 Rev P01; 5829-MAA-CW-SC-PL-A-063-S3-P01 Rev P01

The Council has considered your application and decided to grant permission subject to the following condition(s):

Condition(s) and Reason(s):

- 1 The development hereby permitted must be begun not later than the end of three years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In order to comply with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).

- 2 The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans

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Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of proper planning.

- 3 All new external work shall be carried out in materials that resemble, as closely as possible, in colour and texture those of the existing building, unless otherwise specified in the approved application.

Reason: To safeguard the appearance of the premises and the character of the immediate area in accordance with the requirements of policies D1 and D2 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

- 4 The external noise level emitted from plant, machinery or equipment at the development with specified noise mitigation hereby approved shall be lower than the typical existing background noise level by at least 10dBA, by 15dBA where the source is tonal, as assessed according to BS4142:2014 at the nearest and/or most affected noise sensitive premises, with machinery operating at maximum capacity and thereafter be permanently retained.

Reason: To ensure that the amenity of occupiers of the development site/ surrounding premises is not adversely affected by noise from mechanical installations/ equipment in accordance with the requirements of policies A1 and A4 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

- 5 Prior to use, machinery, plant or equipment at the development shall be mounted with proprietary anti-vibration isolators and fan motors shall be vibration isolated from the casing and adequately silenced and maintained as such.

Reason: To ensure that the amenity of occupiers of the development site and surrounding premises is not adversely affected by vibration in accordance with

the requirements of policies A1 and A4 of the London Borough of Camden Local Plan 2017.

Informative(s):

1 Reasons for granting permission.

A proposal is sought to facilitate the upgrade of electrical infrastructure of the hospital. This seeks to install 4 condenser units to the external façade of the Chandler Wing, along with infilling one door and window and changing one door into a single window with double glazing. Amendments to the Albany wing consist of 3 condenser units within a lightwell, a window being converted into a fire door, infill of one window, amendments to a first floor flat roof to provide an access hatch and amendments for cable ducts. The applicant has also proposed changes to the basements within both wings however these are not changes which would require planning permission.

The proposed condenser units would not protrude significantly from the existing façade and therefore would not impact neighbours from outlook/sunlight/amenity. A noise assessment has been submitted as part of the application. The plant noise criteria have been adequately predicted taking into consideration distance losses, surface acoustic reflections and, where applicable, screening provided by the building. The proposed units are considered acceptable subject to condition.

The proposed roof alterations, window/door infilling and duct work would be constructed with matching materials and is considered that the works would preserve the character and appearance of the host Grade II listed property and the Bloomsbury Conservation Area.

Given the minor nature of the works and their siting it would not result in harm to the amenity of neighbouring properties in terms of loss of light, outlook or a sense of enclosure.

No objections were received during the course of this application. The site history has also been considered.

Special regard has been attached to the desirability of preserving the listed building, its setting and its features of special architectural or historic interest, and the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of the conservation area, under s.66 and s.72 of the Planning(Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended by the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act 2013.

As such, the proposal is in general accordance with policies A1, D1 and D2 of the Camden Local Plan 2017. The proposed development also accords with the policies of the London Plan 2021 and National Planning Policy Framework 2023.

2 Your proposals may be subject to control under the Building Regulations and/or the London Buildings Acts that cover aspects including fire and emergency escape, access and facilities for people with disabilities and sound

insulation between dwellings. You are advised to consult the Council's Building Control Service, Camden Town Hall, Judd St, Kings Cross, London NW1 2QS (tel: 020-7974 6941).

- 3 This approval does not authorise the use of the public highway. Any requirement to use the public highway, such as for hoardings, temporary road closures and suspension of parking bays, will be subject to approval of relevant licence from the Council's Streetworks Authorisations & Compliance Team, 5 Pancras Square c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE (Tel. No 020 7974 4444). Licences and authorisations need to be sought in advance of proposed works. Where development is subject to a Construction Management Plan (through a requirement in a S106 agreement), no licence or authorisation will be granted until the Construction Management Plan is approved by the Council.
- 4 All works should be conducted in accordance with the Camden Minimum Requirements - a copy is available on the Council's website (search for 'Camden Minimum Requirements' at [www.camden.gov.uk](http://www.camden.gov.uk)) or contact the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team, 5 Pancras Square c/o Town Hall, Judd Street London WC1H 9JE (Tel. No. 020 7974 4444)

Noise from demolition and construction works is subject to control under the Control of Pollution Act 1974. You must carry out any building works that can be heard at the boundary of the site only between 08.00 and 18.00 hours Monday to Friday and 08.00 to 13.00 on Saturday and not at all on Sundays and Public Holidays. You must secure the approval of the Council's Noise and Licensing Enforcement Team prior to undertaking such activities outside these hours.

In dealing with the application, the Council has sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive way in accordance with paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework 2023.

You can find advice about your rights of appeal at:

<https://www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision>.

If you submit an appeal against this decision you are now eligible to use the new [submission form](#) (Before you start - Appeal a planning decision - GOV.UK).

Yours faithfully



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Chief Planning Officer